

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1261
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon an extraordinary 2005-2006 basketball season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athletic team is the Clay County High School boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Rob Edwards, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 basketball season, establishing an impressive record of twenty-eight wins against only seven losses and claiming the District 7A Championship for the third consecutive year and the Region 4A Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Bulldogs also claimed the Nera White Christmas Tournament Title and advanced to their first TSSAA State Tournament since 1986; and

WHEREAS, a team with uncommon talent and athleticism, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team shot 49% from the field, 37% from the three-point line, and 71% from the free-throw line and averaged 24 rebounds per game, 12 assists per game, and 61 points per game during the 2005-2006 season; and

WHEREAS, on average, the Clay County Bulldogs held their opponents to only 46 points per game with their stifling defense; and

WHEREAS, the members of this estimable team include: David Bailey, William Bailey, Scott Brown, Nolan Dale, Tyler Edwards, Casey Ferrell, Logan Goad, Jon Godwin, Jake Hewitt,

Casey Jennings, Tyler Kerr, Nathan Knight, Bobby Knight, Dustin Rich, Jacob Smith, and Saylor Walden; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Head Coach Rob Edwards, the Clay County High School boys' basketball team benefited from the guidance and hard work of Assistant Coach Marty Maxfield; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, athleticism, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a memorable basketball season, but also surely foretell their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the coaches and players of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon winning their third consecutive District 7A Championship and the Region 4A Championship for 2005-2006, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.